

NASA News

National Aeronautics and
Space Administration



Goddard Space Flight Center
Wallops Flight Facility
Wallops Island, VA 23337-5099

For Release:
June 11, 2002

Keith Koehler
Telephone: 757-824-1579
Keith.A.Koehler.1@gsfc.nasa.gov

RELEASE NO: 02 - 18

Notice to Mariners: Wallops Rocket Launch June 12

The NASA Wallops Flight Facility will launch a single-stage Viper suborbital sounding rocket from Wallops Island between 11:30 p.m., June 12, and 3:30 a.m., June 13. Backup launch days are June 13/14 and 14/ 15.

The area in the Atlantic Ocean that poses a danger to mariners during the project is posted on the Boaters Launch Information page under the Wallops web site at www.wff.nasa.gov. Boaters are asked to remain clear of this area during operations.

Wallops will fly an orange aerostat (blimp) at 400 feet altitude over Wallops Island beginning at 30 minutes before the firings. The blimp will be lowered when the mission is completed and the danger to mariners no longer exists. In addition, boaters may tune to Marine Channel 12 to monitor the operations.

Completion of the mission will be noted on the Boaters Launch Information page on the Wallops web site, as well as the Wallops launch status line at 757-824-2050.

Thank you for your assistance and support.

-end-